

A Poetic Spot.



W. A. Offield, the Mount Hood trapper, spent several days in Hood River last week. Mr. Offield spent part of the winter on Mount Hood, near Cloud Camp Inn. He went up there in the early part of the winter, put up a cabin and prepared to trap for beaver animals.

Dear Sir:—I have been so charmed with the scenery of your little village, it will not be intruding on your time, I want to tell you of a few delightful days spent at "Hood's Resort."

It forms an ever-changing picture, for here nature has combined rugged grandeur with pastoral picturesqueness, rocky cliffs and rippling waters.

THE DESPISED TOAD.

POPULAR HATRED OF THE ANIMAL IS OF GREAT ANTIQUITY.

In legend as well as in superstitions, the toad is the uncleanest and most hateful creature that exists. The unfortunate toad has from time immemorial been an object of distrust and aversion, especially among the common people.

Superstition, in truth, has laid a firm hold on the toad's misshapen figure. The belief, not only in the existence of "toad stones," but in their efficacy as a sovereign remedy for certain ills, which is still common in parts of the country, is of very ancient date.

It is to these peculiar amulets that Shakespeare is supposed to refer in "As You Like It."

It is not probable, however, that the poet, being a poet, is here alluding to the eye of the toad, an object, as all who are really familiar with the appearance of this humble batrachian will agree, that toads are few more beautiful in nature.

Perhaps the most familiar superstition in regard to toads is that, still rife, which supposes them capable of entering for an indefinite period in the interior of rocks, stones or hermetically sealed cavities.

"Charles," said Miss Passy coolly, speaking of her fiancé, "is quite individual. He is different from other men."

BANK WORRIES.

How One Clerk Fretted a Whole Year. All For Nothing.

An ex-bank official said that during his career in the banking business he had known more than one employee of a bank to get into trouble on account of carelessness in handling money.

Another time a Chinaman came into the bank and deposited \$200 and took a certificate of deposit. The clerk who made out the certificate was preoccupied and wrote \$2,000 on it and on the stub.

WISDOM OF NOVELISTS.

The great thing to learn of life is not to be afraid of it.—Jerome K. Jerome. Audacity stands in the place of ancestors to those who are not well born.—Lucas Cleave.

Speaking of unpleasant surprises, an Englishman told of the one Jonathan Toehel got upon his deathbed.

An Anecdote of Pitt. A certain Mrs. Beaumont of Bretton, England, who lived in the time of Pitt and whom the possession of lead mines made wealthy and proud, was one day at Bretton with her riches.

Uncle George—Have you heard the news? Tom Tyler is going to marry Tillie West. Aunt Hannah—For the land's sake! Uncle George—Yes; I guess you're right. Tillie owns some very valuable real estate.—Boston Transcript.

"Not unless the elevator drops, sir," answered the truthful elevator boy.—Judge.

"Two folks," said Uncle Eben, "is bound to get into trouble—de man dat won't take no advice at all an' de man dat tries to take all he hears."—Washington Star.

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